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## COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT SECTION 11-D (SEYMOUR CANAL) CLOSURE

The Section 11-D (Seymour Canal) shrimp pot fishery will close at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Effort and catch rates indicate the 7,500-pound guideline harvest level (GHL) will be reached by the time of the closure.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of this closure. Pots may be stored in Section 11-D until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2024. Stored pots must have all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) office within 7 days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher–sellers intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (i.e. dock sales) must fill out an ADF&G fish ticket indicating the weight of the shrimp on board by species before any shrimp are removed from the vessel (5 AAC 31.143. [d]).

<u>All commercial shrimp fishermen</u> are required to notify ADF&G within 2 business days of deploying gear and within 2 business days after ceasing fishing in a shrimp pot fishing area with a distinct GHL.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1C1524.

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